

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Leo M. Drozdoff, P.E., Administrator

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NOTICE OF DECISION -- AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS PERMIT NUMBER NEV2005110 (New) SECTION 17 PROJECT

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is hereby issuing Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2005110 to Sunrise Minerals LLC (Permittee) for the Section 17 Project. This permit authorizes the Permittee to construct, operate, and close the proposed physical separation facilities included in the application received on December 15, 2005. The Division has been provided with sufficient information in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447 to assure the Division that the ground water quality will not be degraded from this operation and that public safety and health will be protected.

This permit will become effective April 13, 2006. The final determination of the administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, April 8, 2006, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 901 South Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski, P.E. directly at (775) 687-9441, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Division website at www.state.nv.us/ndep/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

No comments were received during public comment period.